GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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DERESERVATION OF ITEMS FROM SSI SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently dereserved more items from the small scale sector as reported in the Statesman dated March 1, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons therefor;

(c) whether the dereservation of items from the small scale sector would adversely affect the overall growth of the small scale industries in the country;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to reconsider and re- examine their decision in this regard;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI PAWAN SINGH GHATOWAR)

(a) & (b): In the Union Budget, 2003-04 presented in Parliamenton 28th February, 2003, Government have proposed the dereservation of 75 items of laboratory chemicals and reagents, leather and leather products, plastic products, chemicals and chemicals products and paper products. The reasons for dereservation of these items is to allow greater opportunities for technological upgradation, promotion of export and achieving economies of scale.

(c) to (f): As the issue of reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector is a continuous process, its likely impact is periodically assessed through consultations with various stakeholders and by the Advisory Committee constituted under the Industries

(Development & Regulation) Act, 1951. These reviews considervarious relevant aspects including inter-alia domestic & global competitiveness, potential for employment & export, technical feasibility and economic viability of manufacture, effect on growth and development of the small scale sector, etc.